

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement with regard to claims 1-11.

The grouping of the claims is set forth as follows:

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
I	1	Class 429, Subclass 185
II	2-4	Class 429, Subclass 178
III	5-7	Class 429, Subclass 175
IV	8-11	Class 429, Subclass 211

In order to be responsive to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants have elected claim 1 (Group I) for initial examination. However, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper and no serious burden is presented to the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application.

In addition to the above reasons to consider all of the claims in a single application, as set forth in Section 803 of the MPEP, the Examiner must examine an application on the merits if the examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden. Two criteria are identified for proper requirement for restriction:

1. The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed; and
2. There must be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required.

Applicants respectfully submit that a serious burden has not been placed on the Examiner to consider all of the claims in a single application. A review of the subject matter set forth in claims 1-11 would include a review of all classes 429. Thus, a